Seattle Human Services Department
Communities Supporting Safe and Stable Housing

Advisory Group Homework Assignment for August 18th

Review the summary of themes from prior advisory group meetings (page 2). Keep these themes and priorities in mind as you answer the questions. Please bring your action idea(s) and be prepared to discuss these questions:

1. *In the next five years, how can HSD target resources to better integrate services to support families and individuals? How can we as a community leverage resources to increase the impact and efficiency of HSD investments?*

   *Integrating services includes both the connections within the homeless system AND connections between/across other social service systems.

2. *What specific action(s) do you recommend to achieve the service integration goals in the next five years?*

   Tell us if your action is inspired by a successful or promising practice in another service system (education, health care, foster care, etc.) or a particular place (city, region or state).

   a) **Which goal(s) does your idea for action address?**

   ☐ Create places where people can go to connect with care and support to stay in housing or move quickly to housing.

   ☐ End cycles that can lead to adult homelessness: increase intervention services to stabilize families and youth.

   ☐ Increase integrated service system responses for families and individuals who are victims of domestic violence.

   b) **Be succinct and specific when describing the action.**
   WHO?   Who is the action designed to benefit (target population)?
                Who will need to be involved (systems, partners, collaborators)?

   WHAT?   What will occur: An increase/decrease? A shift/change? Create or pilot something new? Re-align? Re-define? Target? Expand?

   HOW MUCH? A percentage? A number? A dollar amount? A ratio?

   WHEN?   Goal date: completed by 2014, by 2016, or by 2018?

   c) Characterize the action. Would your idea:
   ☐ Fill a gap in the existing service system
   ☐ Be something new in the system (pilot, test, incremental shift)
   ☐ Build on things that are working well
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*Write each of your action idea(s) on a piece of paper or
use the attached sheet and bring them with you to the meeting.*

Advisory Group Topics and Themes

Visualizing a Seamless System –
Community "Launch" Meeting: (5/26/11)
- Person/family centered
- Collaboration – lateral connections; eliminate competition; Large/small agency partnerships
- Resources – flexibility; fluid; leverage other resources
- Services – One size does not fit all; forecast need; multiple strategies

Exploring Investment Priorities (6/16/11)
Three common theme/priorities emerged from the small group reports.
1. Client (individual and family)- centered approaches (built on relationships, including peer to peer models)
2. Services that support an individual and family-centered approach
3. Financing/Funding (with flexibility)

Creating Intentional Pathways to Housing (07/21/11)
Developing Priorities for Investments
There were five areas which emerged as overall priorities:
- Safe places to be 24/7
- Individualized services
- Portals for services with outreach and in-reach
- Eviction/homelessness prevention and diversion from shelters.
- Rental assistance.
- Cultural competency.
- Advocacy.

Use this sheet to write down your action idea(s).

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